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1. (S/D) This report provides imagery-derived information on the status of FISHPOT aircraft assigned to APVO Strany (air defense) airfields as of [REDACTED]. In 1977, 21 FISHPOT regiments were assigned to APVO in the USSR (Figure 1 and Table 1). Four operational FISHPOT APVO regiments remain in the Soviet Union. The four FISHPOT regiments remaining are at Krichev Airfield, Astrakhan Airfield Northwest, Bobrovka Airfield, and Sary-Shagan Airfield. However, force upgrade is apparently underway at Krichev and Bobrovka Airfields.

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2. (S/D) At Krichev Airfield, 12 new aircraft revetments were under construction and the refueling apron was being renovated on [REDACTED] (Figure 2). The new revetments are similar in size and shape to those seen at APVO airfields housing FOXBAT aircraft regiments, suggesting that a FOXBAT regiment will be assigned to Krichev. Also, an RSBN-4N landing system has been newly emplaced and a new POL storage area has been built. The RSBN-4N system has been a valid indicator for third-generation aircraft deployments. Krichev is in the Moscow Air Defense District.

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3. (S/D) At Bobrovka Airfield, FLOGGER aircraft were observed for the first time on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when six were seen on the aircraft parking apron (Figure 3). Eight FLOGGER were seen on subsequent imagery of [REDACTED]. Also, an RSBN-4N system was identified at Bobrovka on 19 July. Bobrovka is in the Sverdlovsk Air Defense District.

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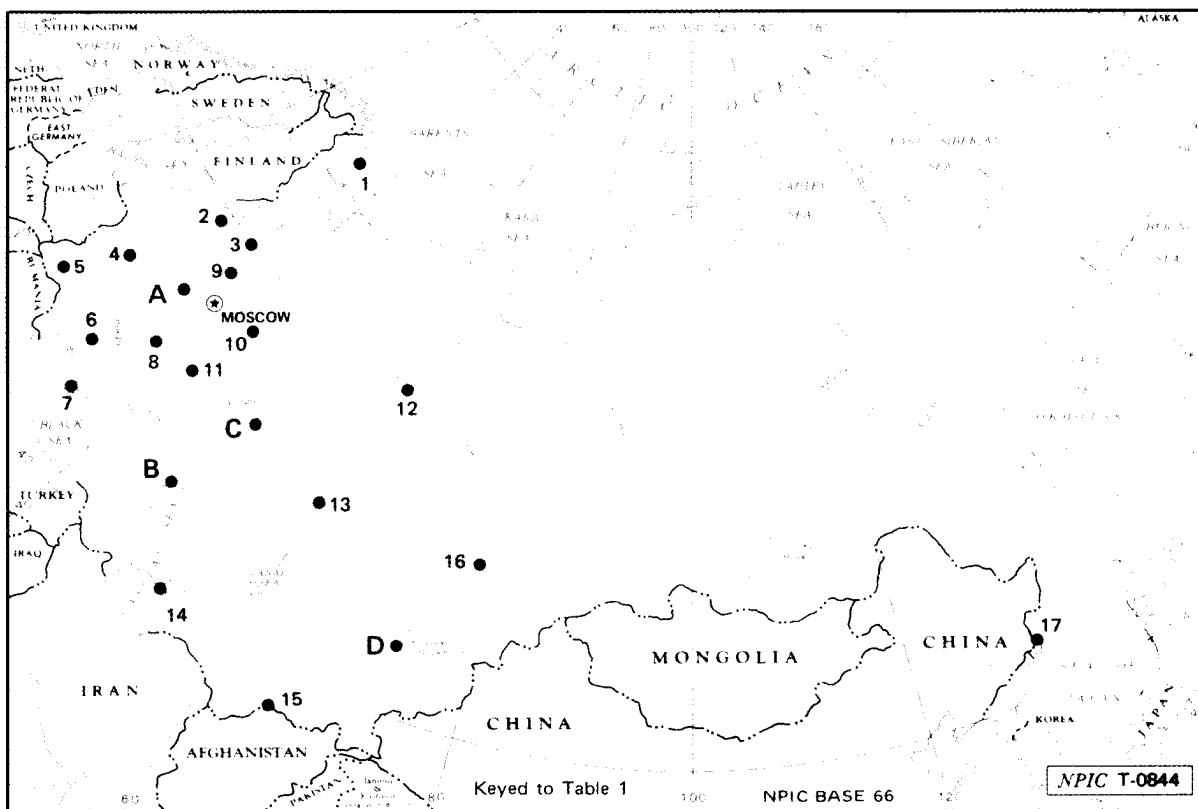


FIGURE 1. APVO AIRFIELDS WITH FISHPOT AIRCRAFT, 1977

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**Table 1. Status of FISHPOT Assigned to
APVO Stranny Airfields as of [REDACTED]
(Keyed to Figure 1)**

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Item	Airfield	BE No	Force Upgrade	Year Change
1	Kilpyavr		FLOGGER B	1978
2	Tapa		FLOGGER B	1978
3	Lodeynoye Pole		FLOGGER G	1980
4	Minsk/Machulishche		FLOGGER G	1979
5	Stryy		FLOGGER B	1978
6	Zhitomir/Skomorokhi		FLOGGER G	1979
7	Kirovskoye		*	1979
8	Rzhev		**	1979-1980
9	Borisovskiy		FOXBAT A	1980
10	Yaroslavl/Tunoshnoye		FLOGGER G	1979
11	Yefremov		FLOGGER G	1980
12	Nizhniy Tagil Ne		FLOGGER G	1980
13	Dombarovskiy		FLOGGER B	1978
14	Krasnovodsk		FLOGGER B	1977
15	Karshi/Khanabad		FLOGGER B	1978
16	Kupino		FLOGGER G	1980
17	Uglovoye NW		FLOGGER B	1977
A	Krichev		NA	NA
B	Astrakhan NW		NA	NA
C	Bobrovka***		NA	NA
D	Sary-Shagan		NA	NA

*FISHPOT were last observed at Kirovskoye Airfield in August 1979 when runway construction was underway. Runway construction was continuing on [REDACTED] the latest available coverage.

**An operational FISHPOT regiment, with aircraft on alert status, was last seen at Rzhev on [REDACTED] No operational FISHPOT were seen at Rzhev when the airfield was next imaged on [REDACTED] The dispersal area south of the airfield has become a storage area for FISHPOT, and 102 FISHPOT were in storage when the airfield was last imaged on [REDACTED] Also, 16 FISHPOT were in the associated Rzhev Aircraft Repair Base [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

***Bobrovka Airfield houses FISHPOT in storage, and 243 FISHPOT were in storage here when the airfield was last imaged on [REDACTED]

NOTE: Derelict FISHPOT are also at Akhtubinsk Ordnance Test Area 1 [REDACTED] Nineteen FISHPOT were present when the facility was last imaged on [REDACTED]

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